Himachal Pradesh. Fruit processing capacity in Himachal Pradesh is estimated at 80,500 MT per annum.

Recognizing the potential of horticulture for socio economic development of the hilly states including Himachal Pradesh, the Govt. of India has extended the Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States (including Sikkim) to Himachal Pradesh along with Jammu & Kashmir and Uttaranchal. The goals of the Mission are to establish convergence and synergy among various on-going Governmental Programmes in the field of horticulture development to achieve horizontal and vertical integration of these Programmes. Technology Mission consists of four Mini Missions to address various aspects of horticulture development including research, production, post harvest management, marketing and processing. Mini Mission–IV is concerned with processing which is implemented through Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

The Fruit & vegetable processing units are already exempted from payment of excise duty. In the year 2004-05 the Government has allowed under Income Tax Act, a deduction of 100% of profit for five years and 25% of profits for the next five years in case of new agro processing industries set up to process, preserve and package fruits and vegetables. In the Union Budget of 2006-07, Government has announced exemption of excise duty on condensed milk, ice cream, preparation of meat, fish and poultry, pectins, pasta and yeast. Custom duty on packaging machines has been reduced from15 per cent to 5 per cent. NABARD has created a separate window with a corpus of 1,000 crore for refinancing loans to the sector, especially for agro-processing infrastructure and market development. The incentives available for the food processing sector and special measures taken under the Horticulture Technology Mission are likely to create a conducive environment in Himachal Pradesh for attracting more investment in Food Processing Industry.

Juvenile homes

*436. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many juvenile homes and rescue shelters for women are running at present, State-wise; and

(b) the grant per head for the inhabitants at these centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) A statement showing the number of various Homes set up under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and assisted under the scheme, "A Programme for Juvenile Justice" during 2005-06 along with Short-Stay Homes for women and girls assisted during 2005-06 and Swadhar Shelter Homes under "Swadhar Scheme" as on 31.03.2006, state-wise is enclosed (*See* below). The details of grant per head for inhabitants at these homes/centres are given below:

Sl. No.	Item	Amount (In Rs.)
1.	Grant per child per month for meeting the recurring expenditure on children staying in homes including foods, clothing, soap, oil, bedding andcontingencies under the Centrally sponsored scheme "A Programme for Juvenile Justice".	518/-
2.	Grant per head per month for meeting the recurring expenditure including food, medical expenses and pocket money for women staying in Swadhar Shelter Homes under "Swadhar Scheme"	575/-
3.	Grant per head per month for maintenacne of inhabitants in short-stay homes for women and girls under "Short-Stay Home Scheme"	886/-

Statement

State-wise number of various homes set up under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000

Sl.No.	State/UT	JH	SH	SSH
1.	Andhra Pradesh	22	26	41
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	2
3.	Assam	7	5	12
4.	Bihar	23	0	14
5.	Chhattisgarh	7	1	3
6.	Delhi	14	1	2
7.	Goa	3	0	1

Sl.No.	State/UT	JH	SH	SSH
8.	Gujarat	56	3	4
9.	Haryana	7	1	2
10.	Himachal Pradesh	0	1	0
11.	Jharkhand	0	0	3
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	0	4	2
13.	Karnataka	53	18	28
14.	Kerala	22	0	5
15.	Madhya Pradesh	26	4	17
16.	Maharashtra	215	8	29
17.	Mizoram	4	2	1
18.	Meghalaya	3	0	0
19.	Manipur	0	11	5
20.	Nagaland	2	1	1
21.	Orissa	5	22	31
22.	Punjab	14	0	3
23.	Rajasthan	9	2	8
24.	Sikkim	1	0	1
25.	Tripura	1	0	5
26.	Tamil Nadu	19	14	42
27.	Uttar Pradesh	94	2	28
28.	Uttaranchal	0	0	6
29.	West Bengal	68	10	38
30.	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	1
31.	Chandigarh	0	0	1
32.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0	0	1
33.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
35.	Pondicherry	0	0	2
	TOTAL:	675	136	339

JH: Children/Special/Observation/Shelter/Aftercare Homes,

SH: Swadhar Homes, SSH Short Stay Homes.